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SUBJ: ROLE OF U.S. ARAB CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN CERTIFYING ORIGIN

OF U.S. EXPORTS TO KUWAIT

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1. AS PARA 3 OF REFTEL INDICATES, THERE IS NO LAW IN

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KUWAIT WHICH REQUIRES EXPORTS TO BE APPROVED BY U.S.

ARAB CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. HOWEVER, KUWAITIS HAVE CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR CERTIFICATION BY THESE GROUPS WHICH THEY REGARD AS "FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE" AGAINST POSSIBLE IMPORT OF PRODUCTS OF ISRAELI ORIGIN. FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT OF EACH AMERICAN/ARAB OR U.S./ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HKOK OFFICIAL GAZETTE ISSUES ADVISORY FROM BOYCOTT OFFICE URGING EXPORTERS IN SAME STATE TO HAVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN AUTHENTICATED BY THAT ORGANIZATION.

2. FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT OF MID-AMERICA ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAST YEAR, OFFICIAL RMZETTE PUBLISHED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 36 WHICH SAYS IN PART QUOTE THE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL BUREAU URGES THE PERSONS IN THIS COUNTRY DEALING WITH THE AMERICAN COMPANIES IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS TO INFORM THOSE COMPANIES OF THE NECESSITY OF HAVING THE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN ISSUED BY THEM, OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS LEGALIZED BY THE MID-AMERICA ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 134 N. LASALLE ST., SUITE 606, CHICAGO END QUOTE. BULLETIN GOES ON TO SAY THAT COMPANIES OPERATING IN STATES WITHOUT SUCH ORGANIZATIONS CAN HAVE DOCUMENTS CERTIFIED BY RECOGNIZED STATE OR LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

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